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THE REPARATIONS CONFERENCE.

Dr. von Simons to Submit New Proposals.

(Reuter's Service.)

London, March 6.

Dr. von Simons, interviewed by Reuter, indicated that the Germans are submitting new proposals to-morrow.

New Proposals said to Offer Basis for Discussion.

London, March 6.

The greatest activity prevailed in Conference circles on Sunday night. There was an unexpected meeting of the Supreme Council, which lasted two and a half hours and adjourned for an hour. It is assumed that the Allies learned the line of Dr. von Simons' new proposals, which are believed to offer a basis for discussion. Tonight's meetings were the outcome thereof.

THE CENTRAL AMERICAN DISPUTE.

President Harding's Interest.

Washington, March 6.

President Harding is keenly interested in the Panama-Costa Rica conflict, and conferred at length with Mr. Denby, Secretary of the Navy, and Mr. Weeks, Secretary for War. Panama and Costa Rica have replied to the recent notes of Mr. Colby offering the good offices of the United States, but the reply of Costa Rica is described as unsatisfactory. It is reported that Costa Rica is still maintaining troops in the disputed territory. It is stated that if the two American warships proceeding to the scene of hostilities are insufficient, others may follow.

THE BARBADOS-MIAMI CABLE.

U.S. Submarine-Chaser Fires on Cable Ship.

New York, March 7.

The long-standing controversy between the State Department and the Western Union Cable Company over the laying of the Barbados-Miami cable has reached a climax. An American submarine-chaser fired on the cable ship engaged in connecting up the cable with the shore station. The cable ship men stopped and were promptly arrested.

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SHAMEEN COUNCIL.

Full Report of Annual Meeting.

The annual general meeting of landowners and ratepayers of the British Concession, Shamen, was held at H.B.M. Consulate-General on Monday, February 28th. There were present: H.B.M. Consul-General, Mr. J. W. Jamison, C.M.G. L.L.D., in the chair; H.B.M. Vice-Consul, Mr. E. A. Sly; Mr. W. A. Alexander, Pro-Consul; the Rev. C. A. Gaff, Messrs. A. Huxley, R. T. Matheson, C. E. Peacock, H. Sutton, T. Brameld, G. N. Courtney, H. Bond, M.O. Clark, E.A. Stanton, H. Staples Smith, D. Forbes, E.B. Price, E. Peppell, W. Farmer, H.F. Campbell, W.J.B. Roop, E. Baron, H.H. Sandeman, H.S. Stetson, F.A. Nixon, D.G. Bruce, G.C. Kitching, E.U. Reid, K.T. Nelson, A. Wilson and others.

The necessary quorum of voters being present, the Chairman declared the meeting open and the notice convening the meeting was read by the Secretary.

CHAIRMAN'S SPEECH.

As the report and financial statement for the past year had been circulated and had been in the ratepayers' hands for the requisite number of days, the Consul-General asked the Chairman of the outgoing Council to propose that the report and accounts as submitted be approved and to make any remarks or explanations he had to offer.

Mr. Sutton said that he would only offer a few remarks on the report and accounts. Under the heading "Police" the ratepayers would notice that Mr. Farmer was resigning from his post as Honorary Superintendent of Police. Mr. Farmer had taken on the position four years ago, at a time when the Old Country could not spare anyone to do the work, and had carried on the duties of his honorary arduous and onerous post very efficiently, and he could honestly say that Mr. Farmer had done more genuine work than all the rest of the Council put together. He himself had had a great deal of work to do on the Council, but he could not have done, or attempted to do, all that Mr. Farmer had done. From the census it would be seen that the population had recovered from the set-back caused by the war, and he also desired to call attention to the fact that the proportion

of Chinese to non-Chinese residents had increased and that the Council would probably have to go into the question to safeguard the health of the community. The good health of the Concession had been maintained. During the year, the Council had been asked to consider up-to-date proposals for the installation of a septic tank system, and a report had been furnished by a competitor engineer and had been circulated to ratepayers. After careful consideration, the Council had decided that the proposed system, provided that efficient control over the present system by the Medical Officer was maintained, would be an unnecessary expense for ratepayers to bear. In referring to the report of the waterworks, Mr. Sutton said that the plant was proving a profitable investment. He hoped that the new machinery would be in position before the extra demand made on the works during the hot weather was felt. The accounts called for no remarks. He accordingly proposed the adoption of the report and accounts submitted by the outgoing Council, and was seconded by Mr. Farmer.

The motion was passed unanimously.

THE BUDGET.

The Chairman then asked Mr. Sutton to bring the Budget before the meeting.

Mr. Sutton said that it had been noticed that taxation had been slightly increased, owing to the wide-world increase in the cost of everything, and also owing to the fact that during the next season or two there would be increased non-productive capital expenditure in connection with the cemetery and fire engine. It would further be necessary to secure the services of a good man to serve as Superintendent of Police and to take on Mr. Farmer's duties, and therefore a good salary would have to be paid. In the Council's opinion, a cheap man would prove dear in the long run. Accordingly, the Council proposed to offer a salary of from \$3,600 to \$4,800 a year to a competent man. The House Tax had been increased 1% in order to provide a Sinking Fund in order to be able to prove to the Bank the Council's ability to meet an increased overdraft. A Godown Tax had also been introduced, as it was felt that non-silk godowns—and there were now a number of

these; the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank Godown for instance—could well afford to pay and contribute to the upkeep of the Police Force, whose protection they enjoyed, and this would entail a small alteration in the reading of the Godown Bye-law 44 A. The Septic Tank Tax had also been increased. He moved the adoption of resolutions Nos. 1 to 10, and Mr. Pepperell seconded the motion.

Mr. Baron enquired how the Godown Tax would be applied. For instance, he had one new and two old godowns; would he be required to pay \$50 on each?

Mr. Sutton explained that the tax was levied on each firm, or, he would say, "one lot, one tax." The Chairman called attention to the fact that resolution No. 5 made an alteration to Bye-law 44 A, and it was amended to read:—"Firms exporting raw silk from the Concession shall pay ten cents for each bale of raw silk over and above 1,000 exported and that Bye-law No. 44 A be read accordingly."

The resolution was then unanimously carried.

NEW FIRE ENGINE.

Mr. Sutton then referred to resolution No. 11. They were all aware that the present fire engine did not work well and was out of date; he believed it dated back to 1883, and as good an engine as possible must be obtained to replace it. The cost had been left blank, as the Council had not yet succeeded in getting a satisfactory estimate. So far, all estimates had been high, one he knew being £1,300 f.o.b. in England, and the incoming Council would have to go into the question of the price. If a new engine were not obtained, he thought the Insurance Committee might raise their rates, whereas the Council desired to make the companies subscribe to the cost of a new engine.

Mr. Staples Smith seconded the motion.

The Chairman pointed out that no limit was being placed to the discretion of the Council, and he thought that it should not be given carte blanche but that an approximate figure should be stated.

Mr. Stanton said that since he was last in Canton he understood that fire hydrants had been installed and he enquired if the necessity for the purchase of a new engine meant that these had not been a success.

Mr. Sutton replied that the hydrants had on several occasions proved most useful, but they were of no use for high buildings, such as Arnhold's or the Hongkong & Shanghai Bank, and that, further, the tanks would only furnish 20 minutes' supply. The type of engine the Council proposed to purchase was an oil motor engine.

The resolution was then carried, the cost of the fire engine not to exceed £2,000 sterling.

THE TELEPHONE SERVICE.

Mr. Sutton then referred to Resolution No. 12, dealing with the telephone service. At present the service was so bad that much time and language was wasted. A report had been drawn up by a sub-committee who had looked into the matter, and it had been circulated. If the resolution was adopted he did not suggest that the Council would necessarily carry out the proposals. It might use the proposals as a weapon against the Telephone Company, which would be unwilling to lose a good revenue and an improvement of the service and a reduction of the fees might be secured. He proposed and Mr. Courtney seconded the adoption of Resolution No. 12.

To the Chairman's enquiry if any ratepayers had observations to offer, Mr. Stanton asked under what head the cost would be charged, and was informed that the cost would be met from the Sinking Fund.

Mr. Peacock remarked that when ratepayers were called on to bear the cost of 50 many other extra items, which were necessities, it was strange to spend a large amount on a luxury. He further queried the use of the proposal as a weapon against the Telephone Company.

The Chairman asked if it was known what proportion the Shamen subscribers bore to those in the City.

Mr. Huxley stated that the service could not be improved. He had visited the Central Exchange and had seen that it was much overladen and had not an efficient staff or any experts. There were numerous short circuits on Shamen. The exchange was two miles from Shamen, so that subscribers speaking to people on Shamen had to speak over nearly five miles of wires. The service could only be improved by installing a system on Shamen. With an efficient service, firms would be able to economise by reducing their staffs of chit coolies.

Mr. Staples Smith stated that the sub-committee had circulated a letter to firms and others on Shamen, and, with few exceptions, all subscribers had said that they would subscribe to an exchange if established on Shamen.

Mr. Bruce asked if the proposed action would be likely to antagonise the people in the City and make it difficult to get into communication with the city, and affect private wires.

Mr. Sutton thought that, with the exercise of care and politeness, no difficulty would be met. The Chairman considered that Mr. Sutton was an optimist.

Mr. Sutton explained that the Council would only go ahead if they were certain on the points raised. Mr. Sutton enquired if there were many private wires.

Mr. Bruce said that so far as he knew there was only the one owned by the Company (the A.P. Co.) whom he represented.

The Chairman confessed that he was in sympathy with Mr. Bruce's remarks. Negotiations would have to be carried on delicately, and obstacles would certainly be put in the way.

Mr. Stanton said that since he used the telephone to the very great deal and would be much inconvenienced if communication were interrupted. He also saw some force in Mr. Peacock's remarks. He would, however, not express an opinion in the matter but leave it to the ratepayers to decide.

The resolution was then put to the meeting and carried by 36 to 9 votes.

THE CEMETERY.

Mr. Sutton then referred to the cemetery question. The Foreigners' Cemetery at Macao Fort was nearly full, and the Council had just arranged, with the assistance of H.B.M. Consul-General, for the concession of a further area. The cost price, which included purchase money and a lump sum down to clear the land from taxes in perpetuity, was \$1,200. The position of the cemetery did not make the development of the Concession easy or make it an economical burial ground, but the question could not be considered in that light. To reclaim, bunt and place a wall round the area would cost about \$13,000. It was an honourable duty to look after the cemetery, and though 60% of those buried there were non-Shamen people, the Concession could well shoulder the cost of the cemetery. In the resolution no statement of the cost of reclamation, etc., had been made because, at the time the report was drawn up, the Concession had only just been obtained. An approximate estimate of \$13,000 had now been obtained. The amount might seem large, but it was only fair that the Concession should pay for it, and there would probably be room to accommodate the stones and tablets from the Military Cemetery outside the North Gate. In reply to an enquiry from Mr. Stanton he stated that the extension was about twice the area of the present cemetery. He would therefore propose the adoption of this resolution, and he was seconded by Mr. Farmer.

The Chairman said he could corroborate Mr. Sutton's remarks as to the necessity for the British Concession acquiring additional ground. As regards the Military Cemetery, the transfer of the graves was under consideration in 1914 when an Army engineer came to Canton to look into the question. It was then too late in the season to proceed with the transfer, and the proposal was then abandoned owing to the outbreak of the war. He expected another Army

SHIPPING DISASTER NEAR SWATOW.

Feared Loss of Hundreds of Lives.

S.S. "HONG MOH" WRECKED.

News is to hand this morning of the total wreck of the s.s. Hong Moh on the Lammao Islands, near Swatow, with the loss, it is believed, of several hundred lives.

Captain Holmes, the skipper of the vessel, is reported as being amongst those drowned.

The s.s. Hong Moh left Hongkong on Thursday last for Amoy with 280 passengers from Penang and Singapore. These comprised 67 cabin and 1,088 Chinese deck passengers. She had no direct passengers from Hongkong for Amoy.

It is reported that she struck

Lammao Island on Saturday, and is broken in half. Whether the disaster is due to the high seas or the fog is not known at present, but opinion favours the belief that the Hong Moh must have experienced very bad weather.

The deck passengers were mostly coolies returning to their homes from the rubber plantations in the Straits Settlements.

The Navy rendered valuable assistance in the saving of lives. H.M.S. Foxglove, which was coming from the Pescadores, on getting a wireless message immediately repaired to the scene by the Commodore here. The Commodore received information of the wreck on Saturday evening. The rescue ship found the sea very rough and their work was most difficult.

It is presumed that several ships must have been near the scene of the disaster, and it is difficult to understand why other merchant ships, besides the Shansi, did not go to rescue.

Captain Holmes has been a well-known figure on the China Coast, and is an old-timer out East. He was previously a mate of an Indo-China Navigation Company's vessel. He was about 50 years old.

The s.s. Hong Moh is a British ship registered in Singapore. Her owners are the Ho Hoong Steamship Company of Singapore, and her local agents are the Sang Seng Hong.

The Hong Moh was built in 1881 by Messrs. Connell and Co. of Glasgow. She is a boat of 3,568 registered tonnage. Her dimensions are 400 feet length, 42 width and 30 feet depth. She has been plying regularly between Penang, Singapore, Hongkong, Swatow and Amoy, and has been engaged principally in the coolie trade.

The Harbour Master received a message this morning from the British Consul at Swatow, which was passed to the Hallions by wireless. It simply stated that the Hong Moh was ashore and a total wreck, and that immediate assistance was wanted. Everything possible that could be done to save the lives has been done both by the Navy and the s.s. Shansi.

The survivors whom the Shansi picked up were taken to Swatow. The Foxglove, which saved a few of the survivors, was coming from Shanghai and intercepted news about the disaster.

The Navy rendered valuable assistance in the saving of lives. H.M.S. Foxglove, which was coming from the Pescadores, on getting a wireless message immediately repaired to the scene, and succeeded in rescuing 28 lives. She arrived this morning at 11 o'clock with the survivors and landed them here.

H.M.S. Carlisle, which was also coming from the North, received a wireless telegram instructing her to proceed to the scene of the disaster, and Captain Evans-Smith, the well-known Arctic explorer, who is Captain of the Carlisle, lost no time in getting to the spot and searched the vicinity for survivors. The Carlisle has sent a message to Hongkong, stating that she has searched the vicinity of the wreck, and has succeeded in picking up 220 Chinese. She has not been able to find any more. She is expected here at 6 p.m. to-day. The Chinese survivors require medical attendance, and this will be provided on arrival of the Carlisle.

The China Navigation Company's vessel, the s.s. Shansi, which was in the vicinity of the wreck, succeeded in saving the European crew of the Hong Moh, with the exception of the Captain, who is reported to be drowned; and also succeeded in saving 38 of the Chinese deck passengers.

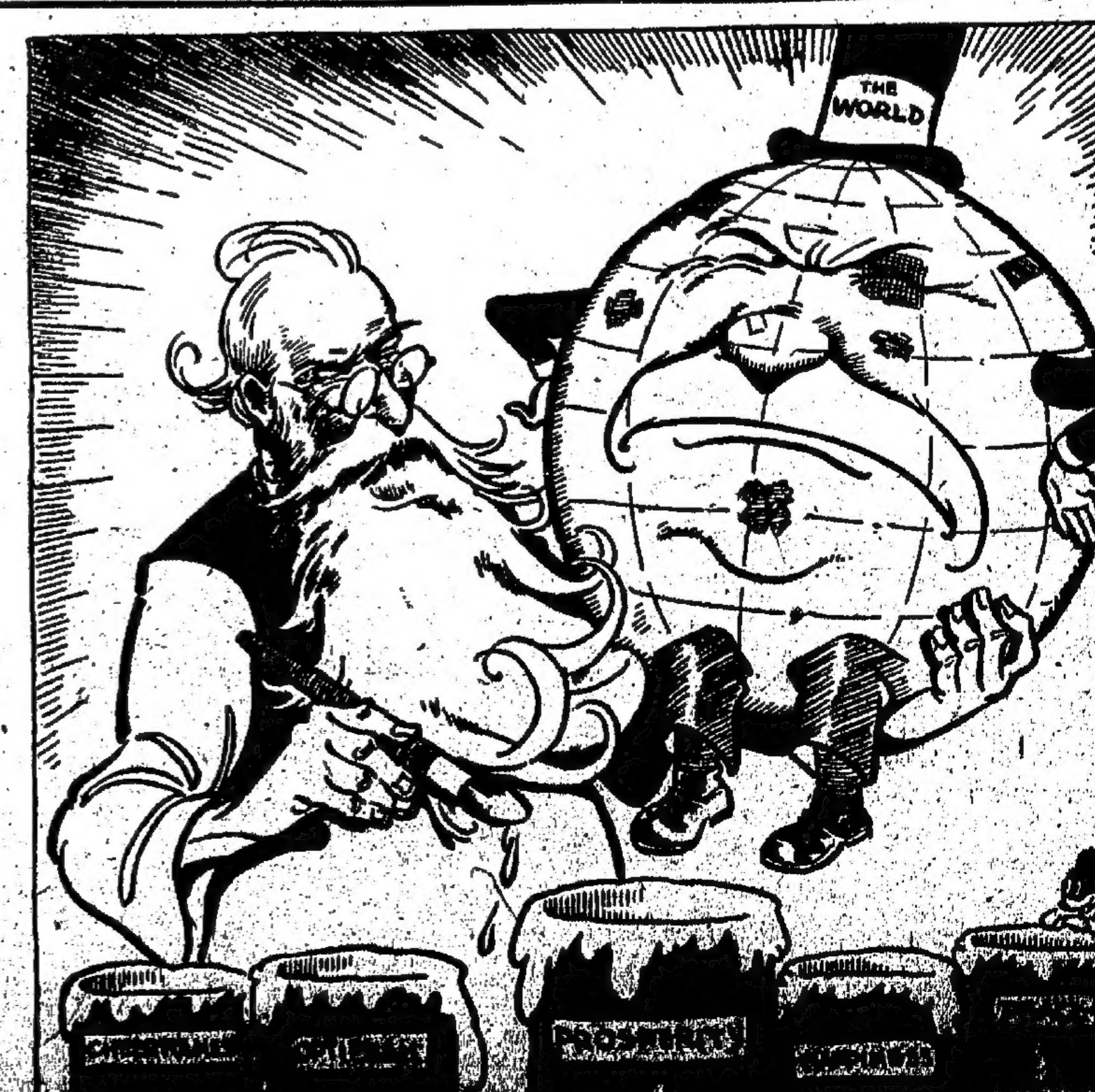
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To-day.

Theatre Royal—Banvard Musical Comedy Co. present "Plums for Picking"—8.15 p.m. Coronet Theatre—5.15 and 9.15 p.m.

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VISIT OF CATHOLIC BISHOPS.

Yesterday's Reception.

The Catholic community of Hongkong yesterday held a reception at the Catholic Union Club in honour of the visit of twenty-nine Bishops of the Missions Etrangères who have been summoned to the Colony in connection with the work of re-casting the rules of the Society in accordance with the codification of the canonical law.

The function was attended by numerous visitors, and at the close, the ecclesiasts took part in a procession round the compound of the Roman Catholic Cathedral, held in honour of the 50th Anniversary of the proclamation of St. Joseph as Patron Saint of the Cathedral. The Band of the Societas Philharmonica, members of the various Catholic devotional associations, and the staff of the Cathedral, as well as a number of visiting clergymen, also took part in the procession, which was followed by a service and sermon in the Cathedral.

The organization of the reception was due to the hard work of Mr. J. D. Osmund (President of the Catholic Union), Mr. W. G. FitzGibbons (Catholic Men's Club), Col. F. J. Bowen, Mr. J. N. Noronha, and Chevalier Francisco Teo Yat, with the co-operation of members of the two bodies referred to.

A guard of honour was formed by the St. Joseph's Troop of Boy Scouts. The decorations for the occasion were supplied by Mr. M. F. Baptista, and before the reception a musical programme was rendered by the band of the Sociedad Philharmonica under the direction of Bandmaster A. J. N. Rodrigues.

The names of the Bishops present are as follow:—His Grace Archbishop Morel of Pondicherry, Rt. Rev. Bishop Combaz of Nagasaki, Rt. Rev. Bishop Berlioz of Hakodate, Rt. Rev. Bishop Castanier of Osaka, Rt. Rev. Bishop Mutel of Seoul, Rt. Rev. Bishop Demange of Taikou, Rt. Rev. Bishop Choulet of Newchwang, Rt. Rev. Bishop Gasparis of Chongchun, Rt. Rev. Bishop Chouenou of Chung-king, Rt. Rev. Bishop Fayolle of Suifu, Rt. Rev. Bishop Rouchouse of Chengtu, Rt. Rev. Bishop Seguin of Kweiyangfu, Rt. Rev. Bishop Gorostazzi of Yunnanfu, Rt. Rev. Bishop Duocour of Nanning, Rt. Rev. Bishop Duocour de Guebriant of Canton, Rt. Rev. Bishop Rayssac of Swatow, Rt. Rev. Bishop Bourgoin of Ningyuanfu, Rt. Rev. Bishop Gendreau of Hanoi, Rt. Rev. Bishop Ramond of Hung-hoa, Rt. Rev. Bishop Marcus of Plat. Dien (Tonkin), Rt. Rev. Bishop Eloy of Doni (Tonkin), Rt. Rev. Bishop Grangeon of Quinhon, Rt. Rev. Bishop Quinton of Saigon, Rt. Rev. Bishop Bouchut of Phnom Penh, Rt. Rev. Bishop Perros of Bangkok, Rt. Rev. Bishop Cardot of Rangoon, Rt. Rev. Bishop Fouquier of Mandalay, Rt. Rev. Bishop Roy of Kumbakonam, Rt. Rev. Bishop Chapuis of Coimbatore and Very Rev. Fr. F. Dolmas, Superior of the Society of the Missions Etrangères de Paris.

The Rt. Rev. D. Pozzoni, Bishop of Tavira and Vicar Apostolic of Hongkong, who opened the proceedings, said:

The Opening Address.

"In obedience to the order of our Holy Father the Pope, I decided to celebrate the fiftieth anniversary of the proclamation of St. Joseph as Patron of the Universal Church at the Cathedral to-day. I was led to this decision for two reasons: the first was that the month of March is the month dedicated to St. Joseph, and the second was to avail myself of the unique occasion in the history of the Catholic Church in Hongkong of the presence, at the same time, in the Colony of no less than 29 Bishops of the Missions Etrangères. As soon as it became known that I was arranging to fix a date for the feast in honour of St. Joseph, a number of friends approached me and requested my permission to hold a reception in honour of their Lordships the French Bishops. I need hardly say that not only did I give my consent without a moment's hesitation, but I expressed the desire to the deputation of gentlemen that I would like myself and my Priests to be associated with such a pleasing social function. You have thus the explanation of this meeting."

First and foremost it becomes a part of my duty to make a formal general introduction of the Bishops of that eminent Society, known throughout the length and breadth of Asia and Europe as the Society

of the Missions Etrangères, to members of my congregation in Hongkong and their friends. I am happy that at such short notice so large a gathering has met here this afternoon to do honour to our visitors. My friends, the Bishops, have come from far and near. They have come from such widely separated places as Nagasaki and Pondicherry, Seoul and Laos, Manchuria and Siam, and from the heart of China where the activities of the Catholic Mission date back for more than five centuries. From our own province of Kwangtung it is my great pleasure to welcome among us my distinguished friend Mgr. de Guebriant. His Lordship has been chosen by our Holy Father the Pope as Visitor Apostolic to China and has accomplished his mission to the very great satisfaction of the Holy See. Mgr. de Guebriant has, moreover, given to us all a very striking example of zeal for the salvation of souls by calling into the mission field of China two new bodies of missionaries. I refer to the Salesians from Italy and to the Maryknoll Fathers from America. My only regret is that old age prevents the visit to Hongkong of the Bishop of Tibet. If he had been here we would have had in this remarkable assembly of Catholic Bishops those from practically all parts of Asia, including even the Prelate of the 'Roof of the World.' To give you an idea of the missions confided to the Missions Etrangères it will suffice for me to state that they occupy altogether a surface of some 2,000,000 square miles inhabited by 210,000,000 of non-Christians. The proportion between the Christian population and the non-Christian population is 2 to 1,000 in China, 50 to 1,000 in Indo-China, and 20 to 1,000 in India. The Society was founded in Paris in 1658 and approved in 1663 by Letters Patent signed by Louis XIV. It was in 1660 that the first Bishops of the Society departed for the East. They set sail from Marseilles and disembarked in Egypt. From Egypt they went to Persia, India and Malacca and stopped at Jethia, the capital of Siam. In contrast to the present day the voyage took from eighteen months to about two years and a half. I will state very briefly what has been accomplished by the Society up to last year. The figures may not be exact, but they are approximately accurate. The Society is in charge of 35 Missions, which comprise 2 Archbishops, 43 Bishops, and 1321 Missionaries. Its Missions possess over 1,000 native Priests, about 4,000 Catechists, about 500 European and native religious (men), over 7,000 European and native religious (women), 50 seminaries, more than 5,000 colleges, boarding schools and schools, with about 180,000 pupils, 124 industrial and agricultural schools with about 4,000 children, 351 orphanages and 16,500 children, 542 dispensaries and pharmacies, and 113 hospitals, homes, and leper hospitals. The number of conversions is over two for your imagination as to the millions. These figures will appeal to the magnificence of the labours of our missionary friends, and it is fitting that the "Eldest Daughter of the Church" should have given her children through whose instrumentality such a large pagan population has been called to the fold. I must not fail to tell you that this Missionary Society has re-enacted the scenes of Christian heroism of the first ages of the Church. A large number of its members shed their blood for the Faith and are now Martyrs whom we venerate on the altars. Over 60 have been declared Blessed by Leo XIII and Pius X, besides native Priests and Christians from Annam and China. These were noble spirits who followed even unto death their holy and intrepid leaders of the Missions Etrangères. In them, we can all rejoice as one of the purest glories of the Catholic Church."

The meeting of the Bishops in Hongkong is of a purely ecclesiastical character. I do not think I can do better than recommend to you all, when we adjourn to the Cathedral after the social part of this very pleasant function, to fervently pray to God that of His wisdom He might grant His grace for the guidance of our Lordships in their deliberations at the conference held here. Let us pray fervently, through the intercession of our glorious Patron St. Joseph, for that light and wisdom that lead to the greater glory of God.

Now I would just like to add one word and that is to emphasise the remarkable fact that this important

little British colony should be made the meeting place of those in spiritual charge of the missions of this great Society. This fact is perhaps the most eloquent tribute that I can point to the liberality of the British Government, whose hospitality my own Mission has enjoyed from the first day of the British settlement of the Colony of Hongkong."

The Community's Welcome.

Speaking on behalf of the Catholic community of Hongkong, Mr. J. D. Osmund said:—The pleasing duty has been delegated to me of welcoming Your Lordships here to-day in the name of the Catholics of Hongkong. We are very proud to see you taking part with us in to-day's festival in our beautiful Cathedral. Never before has such a concourse of Bishops met together in Hongkong; and we could not let such an opportunity pass by without extending to you a hearty welcome. Coming from so many places far apart and in such numbers, your presence is to us a sign and symbol of that solidarity of the Catholic Church which is our special pride. You have come, we know, on private business in connection with the illustrious Society to which you belong; but that you have taken this opportunity of joining with us in celebrating the festival enjoined by Our Holy Father the Pope in honour of the Glorious Patriarch St. Joseph, thus enabling our own beloved Bishop to celebrate it with us so much added splendour and eclat, puts us under a special debt of gratitude to you.

This we think we cannot show better, or in a manner more pleasing to Your Lordships, than by assuring you we will not fail to give heed to the weighty words of Our Holy Father in exhorting us to make St. Joseph our example in his intense realisation of the all importance of a spiritual view of life.

To you who have left all to follow Christ and spend your life in spreading His Gospel far and wide, there was no need to recall this great lesson; the words, therefore, of Our Holy Father were addressed rather to such as we, who, living in the world, have in St. Joseph—the working-man's saint, a humble labourer, an artisan and head of a family—our pattern and example in his love of spiritual things; but your presence in our midst gives point and emphasis to the words of the Sovereign Pontiff. Our thanks are due to you for this, and we assure you it will always be our pride to uphold the precepts of our holy faith, of which the divinely appointed guardians are the Bishops of the Catholic Church.

The Bishops' Reply.

His Grace Archbishop Morel of Pondicherry then replied on behalf of the Bishops, as follows:

On behalf of the Society of the Missions Etrangères and of my colleagues here assembled, I beg to thank you for your charming and Christian speeches.

The Society of the Missions Etrangères has only been in existence 260 years—which is not long for a Catholic religious congregation; it is, however, the first association that was founded with the exclusive end of foreign missions; and when obeying the command of our Holy Father the Pope, the Society came out to the Far East to found new Churches and spread the Faith, it was at Macao that it found its first and best support.

It was your Catholic ancestors, Ladies and Gentlemen who received and welcomed our first missionaries in the ancient and celebrated city of the Holy Name of God; it was they who rendered it possible for these missionaries to set out on perilous expeditions, into the interior of pagan China, and to carry to the most remote provinces the glorious light of Holy Faith.

It is therefore with deep sentiments of affection and gratitude that we enjoy the pleasure to find ourselves amongst you to-day, happy to see you so numerous, grouped around your venerable Pastor whom you esteem for his virtues and his zeal, always firmly bound to the rock of the Catholic Church, and truly worthy to belong to the Portuguese nation whose noblest quality is fidelity.

And what your ancestors accomplished at Macao, another noble and great nation is still accomplishing at present in Hongkong—the English nation to which several among you have the honour to belong. To her also our Society of the Foreign Missions of Paris owes much—and it is to her great hospitality, to the freedom always found beneath the shadow of her flag, that many amongst us, namely in the Straits Settlements, in Burma and in India, owe the prosperity of our establishment of our missions.

Now I would just like to add one word and that is to emphasise the remarkable fact that this important

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Hongkong. You are as yet a small number, but your Church grows day by day and all hope belongs to her.

Thanks to all therefore for this very charming welcome. May God bless you, your families and your countries, and may the great family of Catholics under the patronage of St. Joseph, Patron of all Christian families—be united all over the world as you are yourselves united to-day in Hongkong.

At the close of the social function a flashlight photograph of the scene was taken. The Rosary was then recited, and the large concourse of people made its way to the Cathedral, where a service was held. The sermon was given by Monsignor Morel, while the musical part of the service was specially composed by Father Riganti.

Mr. Mackintosh made a lengthy and humorous reference to the origin of Basket Ball, according to information he had obtained from the Encyclopedia Britannica, adding that the game had come to stay both in China and the Colony. It was started two years ago and had become a very flourishing and popular branch of physical exercise. In addition to the inter-Hotel League, there were the Students' League and an Open League. There were several features in Basket Ball which should specially commend themselves, and he (Mr. Mackintosh) hoped that every school would take up the game, which would increase clear judgment, accuracy, endurance and self-control.

Mr. Northcote suitably replied before handing the shield to the winners.

Cheers were called for Mr. Northcote and were lustily given.

UNIVERSITY BASKET BALL.

Presentation of Shield.

SHAMEEN COUNCIL.

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was at his suggestion that the Council had applied to the Hongkong Government for expert advice. Mr. Farmer had carried out the work on the lines laid down by the Hongkong Botanical Gardens Authorities. He would venture to state that there was no one on the island who had sufficient experience of arboriculture to take charge of trees. He would second Mr. Stanton's resolution that the Council be authorised to present to Mr. Farmer some suitable token of gratitude for all the work he had done and of their esteem, and he hoped that when Mr. Farmer retired and went home he would remember it was given him unanimously as a souvenir of his term of office and of the esteem in which he was held by the ratepayers of Shameen.

The resolution was carried with acclamation.

NEW COUNCIL.

The Chairman then said that the final business before the meeting was to declare elected the members of the incoming Council. The names which had been put forward were Messrs. W. Farmer, C. E. Peacock, E. Pepperell, H. S. Smith and H. Sutton. These gentlemen had expressed their willingness to serve if elected, and he therefore declared them elected for the incoming Council for the year 1921.

DAY BY DAY.

A Chinese coolie met with an accident at Des Voeux Road on Saturday when he was knocked down by a tramcar and sustained injuries to his knee. He declined the offer of a stay in Hospital.

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The water storage in millions and decimals of gallons in Hongkong on 1st March was 1,429.97, as against 1,198.02 last year. On the Kowloon side the figures were 291.34 as against 239.00.

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We hear that the Crown Prince of Japan, who is shortly to visit Europe, is expected to arrive in Hongkong on the 9th instant and will probably remain here until the 12th instant.

"BROWN SUGAR."

And a Jazz Orchestra.

The concluding performance of the Edgar Warwick Company took place at the Theatre Royal on Saturday night, when the humorous comedy "Brown Sugar" was presented. There was a large and very appreciative audience. The honours of the evening went to Miss Major Clark, who as Lady Sloane scored a great success. The pretty chorus girl, whose sincerity and love for her husband triumphs over the snobbish superficialities of the aristocratic family into which she has married, is a character that needs a deal of portraying, but Miss Clark carried out the task to perfection. All the other characters ably assisted to make the show one of the most enjoyable put on during the season.

A feature of the evening was the playing of "Tedo" Miles' Jazz Orchestra, which was composed of two violinists, a drummeress and Tedo Miles himself at the piano. This was the first time they have appeared at the Theatre and their lively selections were more than favourably received. There were some novel jazz effects introduced, and it is to be hoped that theatre-goers and others will have more opportunities of hearing this instrumental combination of local artistes.

NOTICE.

SOCIETY OF ST. GEORGE, HONGKONG.

The Annual General Meeting of the Society will be held in the City Hall on Friday, 11th March at 5.30 p.m. for the following purposes:-

(a) To receive the report of the Committee and statement of accounts for the past year.
(b) To elect the Officers and Committee for the ensuing year.
(c) To consider the manner in which next St. George's Day shall be celebrated.
(d) To transact any other business of which due notice has been given.

All members are requested to attend.

C. BLAKER,
Hon. Secretary
Hongkong, 1st March, 1921.

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NOTICE.

The Forty-Third Ordinary Annual Meeting of the Shareholders of the above Company will be held at the Offices of the General Agents, Pedder's Street, on Friday the 18th March at 11.00 a.m. for the purpose of receiving the Report and Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December 1920.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from the 4th to 18th March, both days inclusive.

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Hongkong, 18th February, 1921.

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NOTICE is hereby given that the ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING of the SHAREHOLDERS in the Company will be held at the Compt's Hotel, Hongkong, on SATURDAY, 19th MARCH, 1921, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Board of Directors, together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1920.

THE REGISTER OF SHARES of the Company will be closed from SATURDAY, 12th March, to SATURDAY, 19th March, 1921, (both days inclusively) during which period no transfer of shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
J. H. TAGGART,
Manager.
Hongkong, 2nd March, 1921.

THE ROYAL HONGKONG GOLF CLUB.

NOTICE.

Members and Subscribers are asked to note that Messrs. Percy Smith, Seth & Fleming, will act as Secretaries as from Monday the 7th March 1921.

By Order of the Committee
L. S. GREENHILL,
Hon. Secretary.

NOTICE.

Messrs. Little, Adams & Wood have removed their offices to the New Building on Murray Battery Lower Albert Road.

SATURDAY BANKING HOURS.

By agreement between the Exchange Banks, SATURDAY BANKING HOURS in Hongkong, beginning on Saturday the 5th March, 1921, will be as follows:-

From 9.30 a.m. to 12 Noon only for all Banking Business.

Hongkong, 1st March, 1921.

NOTICE.

Our Manager, Mr. H. Cayrou, being on leave to Paris, we beg to inform our Clients that from this date, Mr. H. Geoffroy will take over the Management of our Branch in Hongkong during Mr. Cayrou's absence.

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THE Undersigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction on

Friday, the 11th March, 1921,
commencing at 2.30 p.m.
at their Sales Rooms, Duddell Street

A Quantity of Valuable Blackwood & Teakwood Furniture Comprising:-

Blackwood:-Couches, lady's desk, armchairs, flower stands, stools, curio stands, card table, teapots, etc. etc.

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THE Undersigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction on

Wednesday, the 9th March 1921,
commencing at 3 p.m.
at their Sales Rooms, Duddell Street

A Collection of Prize Poultry comprising:-Champion white Leghorns, Anconas, Black Orpingtons, and Plymouth rocks, Winners of Cups and numerous First Prizes Australia, Canada and Hongkong as follows:-

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Goods not cleared by the 14th March, 1921, will be subject to rent.

Damaged packages must be left in the Godowns for examination by the Consignee's and the Co.'s representatives at an appointed hour on TUESDAY & FRIDAY. All claims must be presented within ten days of the steamer's arrival here, after which date they cannot be recognized.

No claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 12th inst. will be subject to rent.

All claims against the steamer must be presented to the Under-signer on or before the 22nd inst. or they will not be recognized.

All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on the 12th inst. at 10 a.m.

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HONGKONG, MONDAY, MARCH 7, 1921.

THE PRICE OF MISUNDERSTANDING.

All other happenings are overshadowed by the grave international situation arising out of Germany's attempted escape from her just obligations. She has been given until to-day to answer the plain ultimatum of the Allies, and on that answer will rest a great deal more than her mere acquiescence in her conqueror's terms. On the course of international events to-day rests the immediate welfare of the peoples of every civilised country. Let us take a look (even a casual look) at the world situation, and it will not be hard to discover the urgency of a satisfactory settlement—not only of the difference between Germany and the Allies, but of the whole of the differences between all nations.

There is unemployment and commercial stagnation on a scale that is causing hardship and anxiety the world over, and the root cause of it all is not that the world is overstocked with necessities but that the insecurity felt everywhere has led to widespread financial nervousness. Uncertainty is the blight we are suffering from, and the only way to bring a return of more normal times is to end all this international misunderstanding and give the trade of the world its natural freedom. In Europe we see international trade down to a point where it has almost ceased to exist. Nearly half the Continent, Russia, is cut off from participation in commercial competition; Germany, by reason of her depreciated currency, can afford to buy but little; France, Italy, and Britain are struggling to sell more than they desire to purchase, but their markets are more limited to-day than they have been for years. America is handicapped in her exports by her own high currency and is enabled to satisfy more than her own domestic requirements; Japan is buying little or nothing, and the whole world of nations is waiting for something more normal before it can witness a natural flow of commerce. Shipping is being laid up, works are being closed, and financial stringency is tightening. The peoples of the world are suffering from their own intolerance; are paying in welfare the price of their own misunderstandings. Not until the present tangled skein of differences has been unravelled and straightened, can we hope to see that for which we are hoping most.

That is why Germany must be made to discharge her obligations, why Russia must be given a chance to come back into the commercial arena, why amicable understandings must be established between all the Great Powers of the world. There is a deal of strained friendship that is hindering and that must be removed. We shall have to restore lost confidences before we can hope to restore lost prosperity. And the sooner that is realised the better will it be. All this talk of big naval construction and of international jealousies hinders almost as much as an open breach. The world must get back to sanity and harmony if it is ever to emerge out of the cloud it drew upon itself in 1914. We must try to throw off and not nurse our differences, must learn to be a little more tolerant of the other man's viewpoint. The answer that Germany will give is all-important, because the settling of Europe's main problem will inevitably bring a clearer atmosphere in which we shall better see our way out of the other problems that weigh down contemporary prosperity.

NOTES & COMMENTS.

The League's Prestige.

At the closing session of the Council of the League of Nations last week, Senator da Cunha, the President, spoke of the "authority and prestige" of the League, and endorsed Mr. Lloyd George's opinion that had the League existed in 1914, war would have been impossible. Considering the manifold difficulties, the League is to be congratulated upon the progress that it has made. It is doubtful, however, whether any advantage is to be derived from over-stating the case in regard to either the present or the past. Mr. Lloyd George, Senator da Cunha, and others who assert that the existence of the League in 1914 would have made war impossible are taking a lot for granted. Germany's aggression was plainly the outcome of a deep-laid plot. Further, even though Britain declared war as soon as Germany had thrown down the gauntlet, it did not deter the latter from proceeding with the campaign, however great may have been the mortification at the Wilhelmstrasse. The League has now been established, and it looks as if the prestige and authority which Senator da Cunha extolled may be soon put to a coronation. The League directed that the question between Poland and Lithuania regarding Vilna be decided by plebiscite. Lithuania has intimated dissent on the ground that she would not get a fair deal, apparently implying that the inhabitants are under Polish domination. The inference is that one or other of the parties is seeking to flout the League, in which case it behoves the tribunal to vindicate its authority.

The New President.

Mr. Harding has entered upon office as the twenty-eighth successor to the founder of the great Republic of America. A candid critic might say of his inaugural address that the new President desires the best of both worlds. He wishes well to the cause of international comity, but he does not hold out hope that he will lead America into the League of Nations or an Association on the lines of the League. America does not boast of armed prowess; but the naval programme cannot await any restriction conference. America holds no national prejudices and is not covetous, but high Protection must be made higher, and America can best fulfil her commercial destiny by carrying cargoes to the markets of the world in American ships—which may or may not foreshadow the adoption of the Jones Law. Second thoughts, however, suggest that the speech is a natural one from the ruler of an enormous country containing large bodies of opinion on both sides of the various big questions. In regard to the primary question of the League of Nations, President Harding spent much time in consulting the "best minds" of the United States, and the fact that he had several interviews with the erstwhile Democratic candidate, Mr. Bryan, an enthusiastic pacifist, indicates a readiness to consult all shades of opinion. When the latest occupant of the White House has had time to fairly look around, we may expect a more definite announcement regarding the international conference recently sanctioned by the Foreign Relations Committee.

Seamen's Pay.

A shipping crisis appears to be threatened at home in consequence of the owners' proposal to reduce the pay of officers, seamen, and stewards. The decreases are substantial, but, even so, they leave the scales at double, and more, the pre-war rates. It is very doubtful whether the scales fixed by the National Maritime Board, which would have absolutely dumbfounded the mariners themselves a few years ago, could possibly be maintained in the face of falling freight and keen competition. In America, where the Mercantile Marine has been treated with unprecedented lavishness, the need of a reduction felt. The United States Shipping Board projects a 20 per cent. cut, which may be only a start. A leading American ship-owner, Captain Robert Dollar, has hinted at Government intervention in respect of the seamen's pay, so onerous do shipowners find it. Every reasonable man must acquiesce in the maximum practicable wage being paid those who go down to the sea in ships. The position is that shipowners find it impossible in many cases to carry on at the present running costs, as may be

DAY BY DAY.

THERE IS NO CREATURE SO CONTEMPTIBLE BUT BY RESOLUTION MAY GAIN ITS POINT.—*L'Estrange.*

Saturday's health return shows one fatal case each of enteric and cerebro-spinal fever (both Chinese).

Messrs. Thos. Cook and Son are opening an Office at Vancouver, B.C., as from 1st March. This office is located directly opposite the Vancouver Hotel on Georgia Street.

Lieut.-Commander J. Brooke D.S.C. has been posted to the Cairo. He saw much service in the Great War, was mentioned in despatches, and received the Distinguished Service Cross for gallantry and good work in various naval affairs.

The death took place in London, 24th January, of Mrs. Gray, widow of the late Archdeacon Gray, who was well-known in Canton and Hongkong from early in the fifties of last century till about 1890, when he and Mrs. Gray, retired from China. Mrs. Gray, who leaves one son, was 82 years of age.

Lieutenant-Commander G. H. Lang, D.S.O., from the Naval Intelligence Division at the Admiralty, has been appointed to the command of the river gunboat Teal. During the war he saw much hard service in the North Sea and elsewhere. He was mentioned in despatches and given the D.S.O. for excellent work in action.

The following approaching weddings are announced.—Mr. D. McMurray, Superintendent Engineer of Messrs. Jardine Matheson and Co., Ltd., to Sister M. H. Purver, of the Government Civil Hospital; Capt. Chas. Taylor, of the s.s. Kwong Lee, to Miss Agnes Muir Crawford, en route from Scotland by the s.s. Kamo Maru; Mr. Dudley de Burgh Newcomb, of the Chartered Bank, to Miss Dorothy Grace Hamilton, of Shanghai.

The Bee, screw gunboat, one of the "Insect" class built during the war for service in Mesopotamia, is to replace the paddle steamer Kinsha as flagship of the Senior Naval Officer on the Yangtze. This command is at present held by Rear-Admiral George H. Borrett, who has 16 small craft under his orders. The Bee is already serving on the river, where nine out of the 16 vessels belong to the "Insect" class.

The result of four raffles held in aid of the London Hospital are as follows—Wine, spirits, etc., presented by Messrs. Caldwell, Macgregor and Co., won by Ticket No 171. Set of perfume and toilet requisites presented by The Pharmacy, won by Ticket No. 19. Pipes, tobacco, etc., presented by Messrs. A. S. Watson & Co., Ltd. and the British American Tobacco Co., Ltd., won by Ticket No. 3. Suit case, presented by Messrs. Wm. Powell Ltd., won by Ticket No. 138. Mrs. G. P. Jordan very kindly officiated at the drawing on 5th March, and the proceeds are being forwarded to Viscount Knutsford, who is appealing for funds.

From Hok Un Village comes the report of an armed robbery which has placed a gang in possession of jewellery and money of the value of \$270. It is stated that the gang, comprising three men, one of whom was armed with a revolver, entered house No. 110, and, without much effort, succeeded in intimidating the female inmates of the premises. The man with the revolver caught hold of the throat of one woman, while his partners, each holding one of her arms, deprived her of her bracelets. Two other women were treated in the same manner and when the gang left they found themselves in possession of a more valuable haul than the appearance of the hut would indicate.

gauged from the large quantities of tonnage lying idle around the coasts of the leading maritime countries. Of course, simple lack of cargoes explains a lot; in regard to a large proportion of the vessels, the reason is that shipowners find it impossible to carry on at the present working costs, as may be

CURRENT COIN.

(By "Mercator.")

Business is as dead as a door nail, and with the steady drop in the Exchange week in and week out merchants and dealers are despairing of the future. It is, therefore, hardly surprising that in spite of the fact that prices at home and in the States are going down the dealers will not place orders even for goods the stocks of which in the Colony are small.

The cancellation of orders in Shanghai by the Chinese will likely give the credit system in China a shock from which it will take years to recover, and bring into existence a system of prepayment or furnishing of adequate security that would restrict trade enormously in volume and cause the elimination of all traders who cannot produce cash or its equivalent when giving an order. Any foreign merchant knows that if his credit were diminished by nine-tenths he would be unable to carry on anything approaching one-tenth of the volume of business that he was doing prior to the diminution. Those of the Chinese dealers—principally, the price-goods dealers in Hongkong—who have been trying to evade their responsibilities should know that while credit is indispensable in trade, it is a fragile plant. In this connection, it is interesting to quote from a letter appearing in one of the Shanghai papers on the subject:—"At the present time important houses in various fields of trade activity are being asked, practically, to finance their clients who have given orders recklessly. The orders were accepted in good faith by the importing houses who, in regard to the older established firms, had had years of favourable experience of Chinese probity, and had no reason to suppose that the honourable traditions of the past would not be maintained." The same applies in a way to Hongkong, where the piece-goods houses have been asked to carry the goods, that had been ordered by the dealers, for a long period without any interest or warehousing charge.

The fall in Exchange rates has brought home to the Lancashire merchants and manufacturers that it was only the abnormal rise in exchange which had enabled the markets of the Far East to pay such enormous prices for their piece-goods. When this collapsed there followed a corresponding collapse in purchasing power. From August last year there began a veritable slump which nothing could stay. As the mills' orders ran out and nothing came along to replace them, the freely advertised engagements of spinners and manufacturers which were supposed to extend well into 1921 were found to be more or less mythical. Not only did the Lancashire manufacturers get no new orders but the cancellation of those already obtained was demanded. China was the first in the field in this respect, just as it had been first in the opposite direction at the time when the world, relieved from the temporary dislocation occasioned by the Armistice and awakening to its urgent need of supplies, began to indulge in a veritable furor of buying.

The purchaser in Hongkong who wants commodities from the United Kingdom or the United States of America cannot tell until the goods actually arrive whether he has made a profit or whether he has bought at such a price that the best thing to do is to sell at a sacrifice and cut the loss, less, perchance, it grow greater while he hesitates. In the past it has been suggested that the European importers made money too easily by worrying about such a refined consideration as that of international finance. These halcyon days have ended. The seafarers have caught hold of the throat of one woman, while his partners, each holding one of her arms, deprived her of her bracelets. Two other women were treated in the same manner and when the gang left they found themselves in possession of a more valuable haul than the appearance of the hut would indicate.

which has been visible for some time returned yesterday from the East in the form of bona fide new buying of textiles in Java and China. Government experts are very gratified at this. That gratification must now have turned into disappointment. It is stated that the Imperial Government is busy at present with a new scheme propounded by insurance experts for underwriting trade risks. This is not a scheme of credit, but an attempt to insure against risks of all commodities, deferred payments and repudiated contracts in foreign countries. It is understood that the Imperial Government is willing to share part of these risks. There is nothing new about this scheme, for an almost similar one was proposed some time ago by the London Chamber of Commerce.

A correspondent of the *Journal of Commerce* has been airing his views on the break in the trade cloud of China. In a recent issue of that journal he says that the first light in the trade situation

WIGWAM TENNIS CLUB.

Saturday's "At Home."

To mark the conclusion of the annual tournament, the Committee of the Wigwam Lawn Tennis Club were "at home" to members and their friends on Saturday, when the finals in two events were played off and the prizes later distributed by Mrs. Richard Hancock. There was quite a large gathering, and tea was served during the afternoon.

In asking Mrs. Hancock to present the prizes, Mr. A. Hicks, on behalf of the Committee, expressed thanks to the donors of prizes (Mr. R. Hancock, Mr. J. Johnstone, Mr. J. Gibbison, Messrs. Lane Crawford and Co. and the Committee), and also took occasion to refer to the future of the Club, stating that the present ground would, in the near future, have to be given up, as the Humphreys Estate Co. had notified that they required it for building purposes.

In the meantime, the Government had been approached with a view to the securing of a new ground, but up to the present only a formal acknowledgement of the Committee's letter had been received.

Mr. Hicks added that it would be a great pity if the Club had to be wound up, for it had been in existence for over twenty years, having been started originally by the P. and O. and the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank messes, and was to-day a social and recreative centre for very many residents of Kowloon.

Mrs. Hancock then presented the prizes as follow:—

Gents' Championship—Winner, Mr. E. E. Brown; runner-up, Mr. N. L. H. Ralton.

Ladies' Handicap Singles—Winner, Mrs. C. D. Lambert; runner-up, Mrs. Wilkie.

Gents' Handicap Singles—Winner, Mr. M. Tonkin; runner-up, Mr. H. Krebs.

Ladies' Handicap Doubles—Winners, Mrs. Tarrant and Mrs. Lambert; runners-up, Mrs. Parsons and Mrs. Hicks.

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Mr. Hicks then thanked Mrs. Hancock for distributing the prizes and, in expressing the Club's indebtedness to Mr. Hancock for presenting a magnificent cup for the gents' championship event, referred to the latter's keen interest in tennis and his desire to encourage young players to take up the game seriously.

After little Miss Virginia Burdin had presented Mrs. Hancock with a bouquet and silver holder, Mr. Hancock replied, saying that it was a great pleasure to Mrs. Hancock and himself to be present. He mentioned, in passing, that, in the early days of the Wigwam Club, Mr. Grist and himself had had the good fortune to defeat a Shanghai couple on the old Wigwam courts, and he trusted that the Club would long continue.

Mr. Hancock made reference to the great strides which the Chinese in Hongkong had made in tennis and paid a tribute to the way in which they always "played the game." He urged young Europeans to emulate their example by taking the game seriously and training for it, because it was only thus that they would be able to attain proficiency.

When the injuries came to be investigated, it was found that Jackson, one of the Indian Recreation Club's players, had received a slash across the chest from an unknown Chinese in the fight. It was not clearly established with what sort of instrument the cut was made, but it did not appear to be very serious. Several other Indian players also suffered injuries.

FOOTBALL "SCENE."

Spectators Break Up a Match.

The League football match between the Indian Recreation Club and the South China Athletic Reserves, which was played on Saturday at Happy Valley in the presence of a large crowd of several hundred, most of whom were Chinese, came to an unhappy termination at a consequence of the high partisan feelings that were entertained by both sides.

In view of the circumstances which followed, making the incident one of the most disgraceful that have occurred to mar the football season, no censure can be too great for the originators of the incident—whether they may be—when the League Committee institutes an enquiry into the circumstances of the affair.

There was shown in a report of the incident a deplorable lack of self-control on the part of the spectators, it being clearly established that but for the gratuitous interference of the onlookers the breach that occurred between two players could have been tided over without development into the regrettable incident that ensued.

After the first half hour play had progressed, when the Indians had registered four goals, the rough game that was participated in, revealed itself more perceptibly when two players, in an endeavour to get at the ball which came perilously near to being propelled into the Chinese goal from a kick by B.A. Hyder, collided with each other, resulting in a mutual fall. The Chinese player was then seen to kick his opponent, Sadick. Both regained their feet and from their behaviour a fight seemed imminent.

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THE PASSPORT MUDDLE.

American Remedies.

Here are some things, writes Mr. Harold Phelps Stokes in the *New York Evening Post*, that Congress and the State Department could do to help straighten out the passport muddle:

Throw the whole weight of this country's influence behind some international movement looking toward simplification and uniformity such as that recently initiated by the League of Nations.

Lay down a definite policy for immigration and travel control. Instruct the execution of that policy to whatever responsible authority may be determined upon—the State Department, the Labour Department, the two departments jointly, or the Sterling board.

Replace war-time measures giving the State Department its present unprecedented control over immigration and travel by peace-time regulations embodying as far as possible permanent policy.

Provide that the passport system, should it be carried over into peace-time practice be made to proceed more in the open than it does now.

MAKES TRAVEL A BURDEN.

With regard to immigration, consider Commissioner Camineti's recommendation for control at the source through visas.

With regard to emigration consider the abolition of the present requirement that all Americans bound overseas must have passports.

Reconsider the large fees now required for both passports and visas.

Lack of uniformity in regulations, the vast deal of red tape connected with passports and visas, and the high fees charged for these documents have made travel a burden to an extent that it never was in pre-war days.

The League of Nations, realizing that undue hindrance to travel

were a factor adverse to that free intercourse between nations on which community and amity must be based, initiated a conference at Paris a few months ago, the results of which were recommendations for simplified forms of passport and visa control.

These recommendations are now before the State Department.

Some American officials, however, are inclined to approach the problem from a somewhat different point of view from that of the European countries, because immigration policy enters into the question with us as it does not abroad. The Commissioner General of Immigration has gone so far as to recommend that the pass-port-visa system be continued in times of peace as a ready means for immigration control.

As it is now, the State Department, to realize greater control of immigration to this country,

The department makes its discriminations on political grounds, and does it in a way which must inevitably work hardships, not alone on individuals but on certain nationalities.

CAMINETTI'S POSITION.

Where Mr. Camineti, Commissioner General of Immigration, stands on the proposition to continue the passport visa system, he indicated clearly enough in his recently submitted report to the Secretary of Labour, in which he said:

"While the bureau took strong grounds last year in favor of a continuance of the so-called visa system, owing to the war situation then pending in many countries, it was on the assumption that, if continued, provision would be made for the exercise of authority to be vested in the Department of State and the Department of Labor, so that the enforcement of the immigration laws might be secured at the source of much of the then expected increase in immigration, this not only to meet the necessity to safeguard our country from the entrance of dangerous elements but to save from the hardships of an ocean voyage inadmissible applicants who would find on arrival at our seaports that they must return to their former homes."

"Instead of relieving this condition, the continuance of the visa system, without the insertion of the qualifying provisions expected by the immigration service, has had in part, under the mandatory laws on the subject, the opposite effect so far, and bids fair, unless some way can be found to remedy the situation, the produce congestion at our immigration stations and to increase the difficulties of regulating immigration under the act of 1917."

GERM OF NEW EXTENSION.

"The Bureau invites attention to that portion of its annual report for 1919 under the caption 'The Passport Visa System' to present its attitude on the system and its strong support of it, but with qualifications none of which have been enacted in the mandatory laws."

"It still believes, as then stated, that there is in the system now in operation the germ of a new extension of the Immigration Service, whose officers, acting either under the State Department's officials abroad or in a separate capacity as representatives of the department, but always cooperating fully with the former, will furnish an element that will help to complete its machinery of administration, and that 'it can be used not only as a means to aid in the regulation of immigration, but in gathering and giving information which will be beneficial in administering the immigration laws,' provided such qualifications are included in the law."

"Congress raised the rates for visas and passports last spring from \$2 to \$10 as a means of additional revenue. From the revenue point of view the results have been startlingly successful. The income from the visa and passport business, Secretary Colby told a Congressional Committee the other day, amounts now to something like \$8,000,000—\$1,000,000 for passports and \$7,000,000 for visas—with the result that the department is now for the first time in its history practically self-sustaining."

"But the question arises. Is it fair to put the whole cost of the upkeep of the State Department on the American traveller? Is it fair to put the whole cost of the conduct of our foreign relations on the immigrant who has never so much as seen our shores?"

Apart from the justice and injustice of the thing, is it wise to put this kind of a tax on international intercourse? They are kept secret, but it appears that although the purchase price is rather high in proportion to the current price, the date of delivery is subject to alteration.

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DELAGOA BAY.

A message from Pretoria says:—In connection with the recent disclaimer of the Portuguese of the alleged negotiations for the transfer of Delagoa Bay railway and port to the Union, it is now stated that the disclaimer followed an attempt by the American fox," say the heads of the two leading Sunday-reform organizations. According to the *Christian Work* (New York) and other religious journals, a considerable part of all this publicity has been misleading, for the Lord's Day Alliance has never planned for an amendment to the Constitution to secure more stringent Sunday laws, nor asked Congress to forbid railroad-trains.

NOTICE TO MARINERS.

Notice is given that the wrecked Dredger Shanghai, which was reported as sunk in the Southern Approaches to Steep Island Pass, Chusan Archipelago, has been located in a position from which Steep Island Lighthouse bears N. 49 E., magnetic, distant 6.75 miles. The least water over the wreck was found to be 51 feet at low water of spring tides.

THE U.S. MARINE EXHIBITION.

The Third National Marine Exposition was held at New York in Grand Central Palace. National Marine Week brought together a representative gathering of men who are vitally interested in the mercantile marine of the United States. The National Marine League of the United States of America supports the exhibition, and Messrs. August Belmont, William Fellowes Morgan, Frank C. Munson, George W. Harper, G.E. Tripp, P.H.W. Ross, and other prominent men were members of various committees. Everything pertaining to ships and shipbuilding was represented. Shipbuilding, ship operating, marine inventions, films of marine progress, lectures on the American mercantile marine, and many other things of interest not only to shipping men but also to the general public were shown. Models of boats, always an attractive exhibit, were on view in large numbers.

THE AMALGAMATION OF JAPANESE COMPANIES.

While the scheme for the amalgamation of the four great shipping companies, which has

been proposed by Baron Noda, the Minister of Communications, is at a standstill, there are indications of another amalgamation

materialising, though on a much smaller scale, says the *Japan Chronicle*. The Nippon Kisen Kaisha, which appears to the Kure coteries, is on the point of being amalgamated with the Taiyo Kisen Kaisha. As a first step, the newly-built Eikoku-maru (6,800 tons) of the Nippon Kisen Kaisha has already been put on the register of the other company.

The Taiyo Kisen Kaisha has now seven large ships of rather more than 67,000 tons and will purchase

from the Nippon Kisen Kaisha seven ships of 58,000 tons, which are expected to be completed in a few months.

As to the terms, they are kept secret, but it appears that although the purchase price is rather high in proportion to the current price, the date of delivery is subject to alteration.

THE JEWISH ALLIANCE ALARMED.

It should, however, be noted that the Jewish Sabbath Alliance is aroused to attention lest proposed legislation force Jews to forego their own Sabbath and observe a day not on their religious calendar. As far as the restriction of the "commercial" uses of Sunday is concerned, a programme to that effect has been formally approved by the House of Bishops of the Methodist Episcopal Church and by the Presbyterian General Assembly, and, of course, such a programme receives the full endorsement of other denominations. The Catholic Church is likewise in accord with the desire to lessen the secularization of Sunday.

But a legion of critics, whose ranks extend even into the religious press, agree that good morals in general and strict Sunday observance in particular cannot be enforced by legislation,

that the national conscience cannot be pricked by statutory penalty. Preachers and pietistic laymen are urged to begin needed reform locally, and to dilute their alleged all-embracing programme with sane recognition of the manners, customs, and needs of the present generation, rather than seek to impose on us Mosaic injunction long since outworn. Moral secession is generally preferred to the law's compulsion.

THE FREEST DAY OF THE WEEK.

The *Continent* (Presbyterian) thinks that the Christian Sabbath idea is not expressed in "accumulated restrictions. Quite the contrary, "the gospel idea is to get a day freer and happier than any other day of the week." In regard to the present agitation, the church's "principal and most characteristic business" is not to besiege legislatures for laws or courts for convictions, but to teach as many people as possible the joys of Sabbath well spent. Much better Sabbath keeping this country to-day certainly does needs, but the explanation which accounts for Sunday laxity is much less a failure of law in the State than a failure of Christian teaching and example in the Church." While not lending itself to the idea that men can be made moral by legislation, The "Christian Herald" says that "the movement is not fanatical in character," and that "it seeks to bring about conditions which The "Christian Herald" family has desired for many years." The objects of the Lord's Day Alliance are thus defined in Dr. Bowby's words:

"To defend and preserve the Lord's day as a day of rest and worship and to enunciate and urge one day of rest in seven for all the toiling masses. By safe and progressive methods it works for the enforcement of Sunday laws and the securing of other legislation in the interest of the labouring forces and of Christian citizenship."

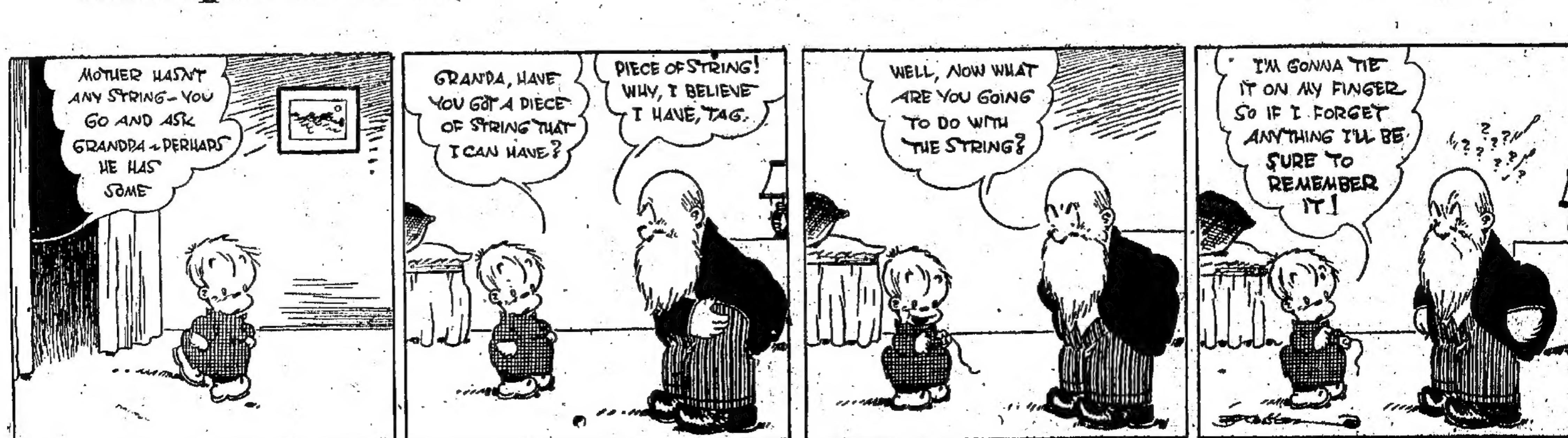
OSAKA'S DEAR ELECTRICITY.

Last June the Osaka Electric Light Company raised its light rates on the plea of the advance in the prices of fuel and general commodities and the increase in working expenses, but it was only tentatively for one year that the Osaka Municipality signified its approval of the rise. Accordingly, the company is bound to revert to the previous lower rates with the expiration of the period named. It is reported that the company is to confer with the municipal authorities with regard to the maintenance of the present rates. It is complained by the company that it has to pay out of its present profit a dividend on a capital which is to be doubled in March, besides which some contracts for coal were made at high prices. Therefore, if the present rates are decreased from June, the position of the company, which has just begun to improve, will become adverse again.

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The Championships.

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CLASS: HANDBICAP.

Prep. at 2.25 p.m. Start at 2.30 p.m.

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Dorothea 5'03" 5.39.57 2 5 42 47
Gladys 7'34" 5.55.45 6 1 19 20
Sonia 7'34" 5.50.36 3 4 24 28

CLASS: ONE DESIGN.

Prep. at 2.30 p.m. Start at 2.35 p.m.

Points.

Name H cap on Course Corrected Time Points

*Ailsa... Scr. 6.04.36 1 5 33 38

Bonita D.N.S. - - 14 14

Daphne 6.06.50 2 3 23 26

Halcyon 6.30.48 3 2 12 14

CLASS: HEYWARD-HEYS.

Prep. at 2.35 p.m. Start at 2.40 p.m.

Points.

Name H cap on Course Corrected Time Points

*Ursula + 3'22" 6.13.25 1 6 35 41

Sirius 5'03" D.N.S. - 8 8

Dawn 1'41" 6.29.12 2 4 36 40

Lala 5'03" D.N.S. - 0 0

Owl 10'06" D.N.S. - 0 0

* Wins championship.

SATURDAY'S FOOTBALL.

Two Untoward Incidents.

Saturday's football matches resulted as follows:

DIVISION I.

R.G.A.; 1; H.M.S. Tamar, 0.
S.C.A., 1; Kowloon, 0.

DIVISION II.

St. Joseph's College, 5; Kowloon Reserves, 1.

United, 2; Punjabis, 2.

* Indian Rec. Club, 4; S.C.A. Reserves, 0.

* Game abandoned.

The Ambrose being out of port, the match Club v. Ambrose was postponed, while the Club Reserves only fielded seven men at Sookunpo and the match was declared off.

R.G.A. v. H.M.S. TAMAR.

Playing on the Navy "A" ground, before a good number of Service men, these teams played a fast game with the soldiers winning by the only goal scored. The R.G.A. were the first to assume the offensive, but offside relieved, Routley ended up a brilliant run by the sailor's front line by sending in wide of the upright. Play was transferred to the sailors' end, where Mitch saved a good header from Watson, the ball coming out to Best, who returned, and Batchelor was forced to kick behind. Mitch tipped the ball over the bar from the corner-kick, which was well taken by McHugh, but the same player sent the ball behind with his second kick. At the other end, Holloway was called upon to save from Cowell at close range and Spicer, securing from the throw-out, struck the crossbar with a fast shot, the ball rebounding to Routley, who returned over the bar. The Tamar pressed for a time and Holloway cleared several shots, bringing temporary relief by turning one shot round the post. The R.G.A. cleared from the corner kick and Watson passed out to Wilson, the latter centring for McHugh to send in a first-timer that hit the upright, where Watson, catching the ball on the rebound, sent in a ground shot, that Mitch was lucky to save, the goalie throwing himself full length at the ball and covering it with several R.G.A. players close in. The goalie turned the ball round the post. Mitch saved a header from Henwood as the result of the flag kick and the R.G.A., coming again, McHugh was given offside. The sailors then took the ball down but ended up by shooting wide. Half time: No score.

Resuming, the sailors took the ball down, Frampton clearing, and Wilson, going in, forced a corner, the ball being sent behind from the resulting kick. Donovan sent Henwood in and Mitch saved from close range. Play was then transferred to the soldiers' end and Hoap sent over a long pass which Cowell skied over the bar. The R.G.A. forwards then worked the ball down and Watson, seeing Best nicely placed, gave him the ball, the latter banging in for Mitch to partly save and Henwood, being well up, sent the ball into the net. From now until the end of the game the sailors had most of the play, but the R.G.A. defence kept them out. Just before the final whistle blew, the soldiers broke away and forced a corner which was well saved by Mitch. Time arrived with the R.G.A. winners of a good game by one goal to nil.

Mr. Pearce, H. M. S. Curlew, was in charge of the game. The sailors should have made the scores level in the closing minutes but Holloway, in the R.G.A. goal, dealt with shots from all directions. Mitch for the sailors defended well and saved from his side from a much heavier defeat. The forwards on both sides played well, but combination was lacking. Donovan at centre-half for the R.G.A. played a hard game.

S.C.A. v. KOWLOON.

This match was transferred to the Club ground, where Townsend set the ball in motion for Kowloon before a large crowd. Hand against Weyman sent the S.C.A. in and Crocker had to throw out a shot from Ko Kin Fan. At the other end, Millard shot outside from close range. Kowloon returned and Mair tested the Chinese goalie who cleared, and Ip Kau receiving swung the ball across to Au Kit Sang, the latter returning to centre, where Ip Kau headed the ball past Crocker and opened the score for the S.C.A. From the centre-kick, Townsend went through

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but ended up by shooting wide. Wheeler cleared a shot from Ip Kau, and Taylor receiving went down and forced a corner off Ko Kin Fan. Beesley placed well, and Tung Tai cleared. Kowloon returned and Beesley missed an easy chance to score. Play continued fast, with Kowloon having the most of the play, but their forwards failed in front of goal. Half-time arrived with the S.C.A. leading by one goal to nil.

Resuming, Kowloon took the offensive and Beesley failed to turn to account a long pass from Taylor. At the other end, Knight was forced to kick behind from Ko Kin Fan. Kowloon went down and the Chinese goalie cleared from Beesley at close range. S.C.A. pressed for a time and obtained three corners in succession. During the melee in front of goal some of the players lost their tempers and a little discussion took place between them, which caused a reprimand from the referee. Kowloon broke away and Pasco, after beating Fung Tai, skid the ball over the bar. Kowloon came again and Taylor sent in a hard shot which the goalie pushed out to Beesley, who returned over the bar. Mair collided with Ip Kau in midfield and a slight halt was called. From the throw-down, Kowloon went away and Pasco sent in a low shot that the goalie cleared. Townsend, following up, fouled the goalie, the S.C.A. being awarded a free kick in the goal mouth. Wheeler came forward to assist in the attack, Kowloon playing the one back game. Consequently the game was spoilt through offside play. The exchanges between the players became rough and the referee had to administer a caution. In the closing minutes a player kicked an opponent after being beaten for the ball and a free kick was awarded. This led to a fracas among the players, and a player from each side was ordered off the field for fighting. Shortly after, the whistle sounded for "No side", leaving the Chinese winners by one goal to nil.

Mr. Leaf was the referee. The match, ending as it did, has marred a most successful season.

OTHER MATCHES.

In the Junior Division, St. Joseph's beat a weak team of the Kowloon Reserves by five goals to one. Kowloon, starting with only nine men, held the College team during the first half and the teams crossed over with St. Joseph's leading by the odd goal in three. Resuming, the College boys had most of the game and ended up as above stated.

Mr. Pearce, H. M. S. Curlew, was in charge of the game. The United and Punjabis played a drawn game of two goals all. May scored for the United in the first half who led at the interval by one to nil. In the second half, the Punjabis, led by Emerson, showed a marked improvement and scoring twice with the United replying once, the game ended with the above result.

The Indians met the Chinese Reserves on St. Joseph's ground and after a short game of twenty minutes the match was abandoned with the Indians leading by four goals to nil. The play was on the rough side from the start, and following a foul near the touch line, a player of each side came to blows and the Chinese crowd rushed on to the field. The Police soon cleared what appeared to be an ugly situation, and the match being abandoned, the crowd dispersed.

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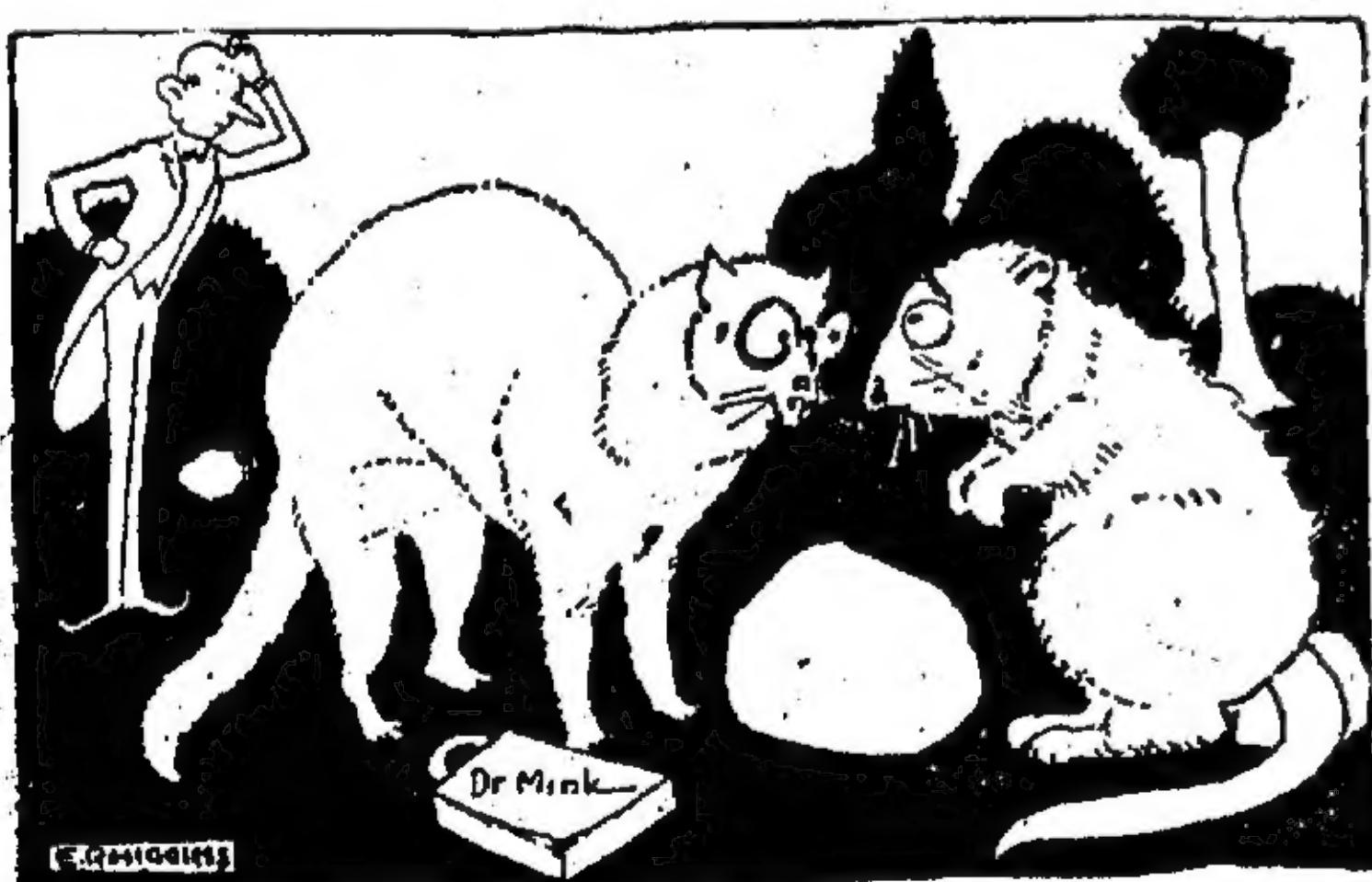
SCRIBBLE SCRATCH GETS WORRIED.

Markie Muskrat was in an awful plight when Mr. Scribble Scratch called on him to recite his speech, because when he went to more he discovered that he couldn't at all, not a hair of him, for he was stuck tight to his seat.

It was the chewing-gum, the chewing-gum he had bought that morning with the penny he had sneaked out of his tin bank, the chewing-gum he was not allowed to chew in school, but which he chewed anyway, the chewing-gum that—oh, the chewing-gum everything! He'd lost it out of his mouth when he was marching, but he had never dreamed he had lost it on his own seat. Oh, why hadn't he looked before he sat down?

When he didn't get up Mr. Scribble Scratch raised his eyebrows and looked over his glasses so surprised that Markie blushed to the tip of his nose, tail too.

"For shame, Marcus!" said the fairyman. "Do you mean to say that you don't know any piece to recite when we have company?"



"Don't cry," Dr. Mink said kindly when Markie began to snivel.

What will Mr. Owl and Judge Crow think of you? Also Dr. Mink, Prof. Hare, and Mr. U. U. Chuck?"

"Please, Sir!" stammered Markie, "I do know a piece about a big green crab, but I—I can't get up to say it."

"What do you mean?" asked Scribble Scratch. "Are you afraid because we have visitors?"

"Oh, no," gasped Markie, "but I—just—can't move."

"Goodness!" said Mr. Scribble Scratch turning to Dr. Mink.

"Do you 'spose he's paralyzed?"

Dr. Mink put on his spec's and picked up his bag and went over to Markie's seat. "I'll just have a look at him," he said, "and find out the trouble. There—there, little fellow! Don't cry, he said kindly when Markie began to snivel. "I'll not hurt you. Now please stick out your tongue."

(To be continued to-morrow.)

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IRON IN JAPAN.

Over 300,000 tons of iron are now held in the Kobe-Osaka district.

BELGIAN FACTORY FOR CHINA.

A large Belgian concern proposes to establish a glass factory at Chinwangtao.

JAPAN'S OIL SUPPLY.

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OIL IN NORTHERN BORNEO.

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SHANGHAI'S COAL IMPORTS.

The total amount of coal imported into Shanghai from January 23 to February 21 was 150,278 tons.

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The H.K. Police scored a win over the H.K.S. Curlew on the same day, which puts them in the running as runners-up for which place there will be a fine tussle between three of the teams entered, H.M.S. Hawkins, H.M.S. Tamar, and the H.K. Police. The scores were as follows:

H.K. V. D. C.	200 500 600 Total
Mr. F. Goodman	45 49 45 139
Mr. Grimes	47 47 43 137
Mr. Meade	44 42 46 132
Mr. Shaw	39 46 44 125
Mr. Dodwell	40 42 40 122
Mr. Thornhill	40 41 35 121
Mr. F. Goodman	44 47 35 115
Mr. Wells	41 38 26 105
Total...	1002

H.M.S. "CURLEW."	200 500 600 Total
M. Cox	56 37 42 115
Mr. Spender	42 39 28 109
Mr. A. H. B. Horgan	36 37 38 111
Mr. Dew	32 41 26 109
Mr. Passmore	40 31 37 108
Mr. Stanford	38 33 36 107
Mr. P. O. Morgan	41 27 33 101
Mr. Carpenter	39 25 29 93
Total...	863

H.K. POLICE	200 500 600 Total
Mr. Booker	40 46 39 125
Mr. Hutchins	40 43 32 115
Mr. Wilson	38 34 41 113
Mr. Narshaw	39 37 36 112
Mr. Carpenter	41 37 31 109
Mr. Evans	37 43 27 106
Mr. Hourihau	34 34 30 98
Mr. Perkins	40 32 20 92
Total...	870

H.M.S. "TAMAR"	200 500 600 Total
Mr. Clemow	45 45 40 128
Mr. Brazendall	39 42 42 123
Mr. Botting	41 38 38 117
Mr. Allen	41 38 37 116
Mr. Snell	45 44 25 114
Mr. Way	39 42 32 113
Mr. Ravenscroft	35 39 37 111
Mr. Hielman	39 37 32 108
Total...	930

MUSKETRY STAFF	200 500 600 Total
Mr. Cordon	41 34 38 113
Mr. Reynolds	37 41 33 111
Mr. Lambert	38 31 41 110
Mr. Nixon	36 33 40 109
Mr. Burnett	36 40 31 107
Mr. Murphy	35 33 31 99
Mr. Gray	33 35 33 98
Mr. Ansell	37 36 21 94
Total...	841

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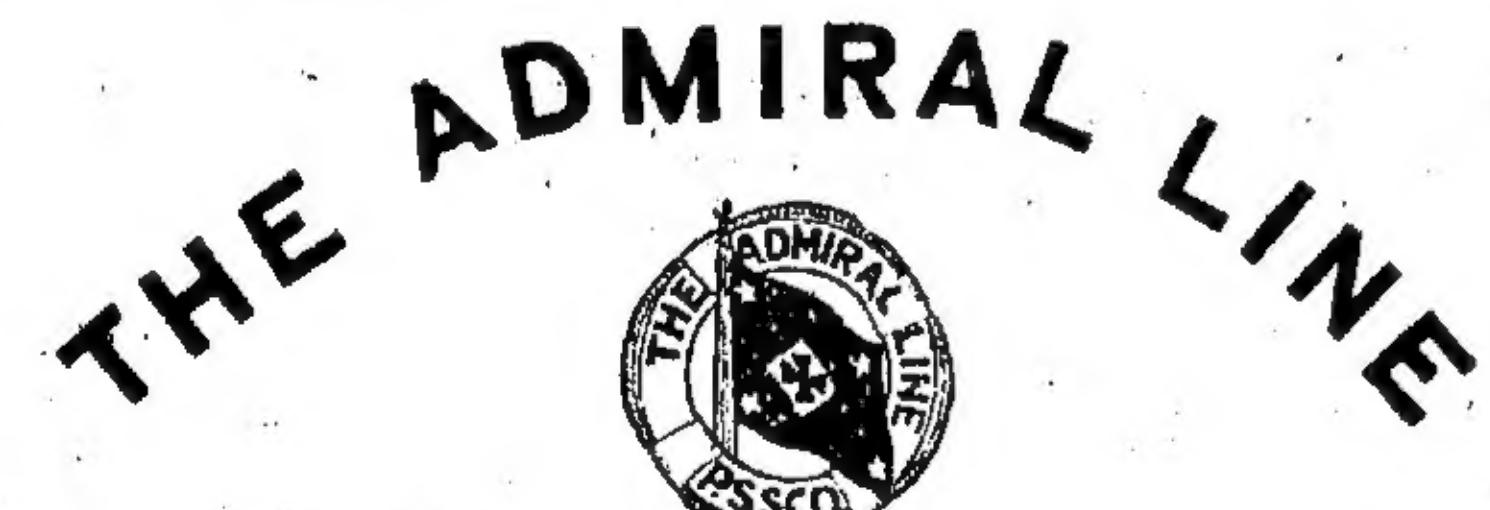
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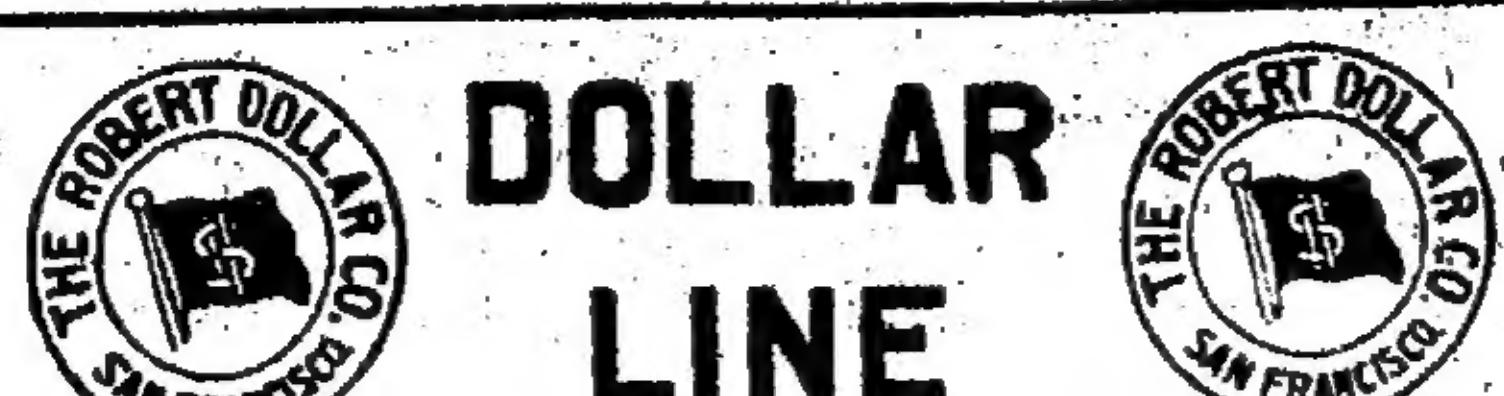
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Steamers	Loading	For	Sailing
TJIMANOEK	March	Rotterdam & Hamburg	15th Mar.
ALDERAMIN	April	Amsterdam & Hamburg	10th April.
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ALCOR	June	Rotterdam & Hamburg	20th June.
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S.S.	Tons	From Hong-kong (about)	Destination
DILWARA	5,400	10 Mar. noon	S'pore, Colombo & B'bay.
KARMA	9,000	20th Mar.	M'les, London & Antwerp.
KASHMIR	9,000	25th Mar.	M'les, London & Antwerp.
NANKIN	7,000	3rd Apr.	M'les, London & Antwerp.

BRITISH INDIA-APCAR SAILINGS (South)

EURYALUS	4,800	8 Mar. 1 p.m.	Singapore.
ARRATOON-A.	4,510	17th Mar.	Calcutta via Singapore, Penang and Rangoon.

EASTERN & AUSTRALIAN SAILINGS (South)

ST. ALBANS	4,500	10th Mar.	Melbourne via Sandakan, Thursday Island, Townsville, Brisbane and Sydney.
EASTERN	4,000	5th Apr.	

SAILINGS TO SHANGHAI & JAPAN.

GREGORY A.	4,649	11th Mar.	Shanghai & Kobe.
NANKIN	7,000	12th Mar.	Shanghai & Kobe.
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LONDON & ANTWERP via Singapore, Penang, Colombo, Suez, Port Said & Marseilles.

KLEIST Friday, 11th Mar., at 11 a.m.

MISHIMA MARU Friday, 18th Mar., at 11 a.m.

HAMBURG, AMSTERDAM, LONDON & ROTTERDAM Thursday, 24th Mar.

MITO MARU

LIVERPOOL & MARSEILLES via Suez.

TAMBA MARU Saturday, 12th March.

MELBOURNE & SYDNEY via Manila, Zamboanga, Thursday Island, Townsville & Brisbane.

TANGO MARU Monday, 28th Mar., at 11 a.m.

NIKKO MARU Tuesday, 19th Apr., at 11 a.m.

NEW YORK via Suez.

AKITA MARU Tuesday, 22nd March.

SOUTH AMERICAN PORTS via Cape.

WAKASA MARU (Sailing from Singapore) Friday, 29th April.

BOMBAY & COLOMBO via Singapore.

BOMBAY MARU Thursday, 17th March.

CALCUTTA & RANGOON via Singapore & Penang.

TOYOOKA MARU Tuesday, 8th March.

MURORAN MARU Tuesday, 22nd March.

JAPAN PORTS—Nagasaki, Kobe & Yokohama.

NIKKO MARU Tuesday, 15th Mar., at 11 a.m.

SHANGHAI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA.

WAKASA MARU Monday, 7th March.

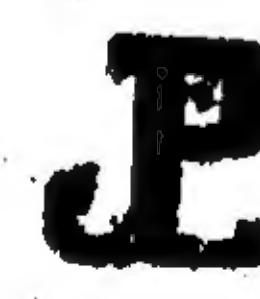
HEIJI MARU Tuesday, 15th March.

INABA MARU Friday, 18th Mar., at 11 a.m.

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INWARD MAIIS.

Japan—Per ST. ALBANS, 8th Mar.
Japan and Shanghai—Per KLEIST, 9th Mar.
Europe via Suez (Letters and Newspapers London 3rd Feb.)—Per GREGORY APCAR, 9th Mar.

OUTWARD MAIIS.

To-morrow.
Shanghai & North China—Per TEAN, 2 p.m.
Saigon, *Straits, *Bangkok, *Egypt and *Europe via Suez—Per HELMUS, 2.30 p.m.
Japan—Per LAI SANG, 5 p.m.
Shanghai, North China & Japan—Per WAKASA M., 11 a.m.
Straits *Bangkok Calcutta & Aden—Per TOYOKA M., noon.
Saigon, *Bangkok and *Straits—Per SHISEN M., 2 p.m.
Shanghai and Wuchow—Per TAIMING 4.30 p.m.
Swatow and Bangkok—Per CHUN SANG, 5 p.m.
Amoy, *Shanghai & *N. China—Per SHANTUNG, 11 a.m.
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow—Per HAILOONG, 11 a.m.
Straits, *Bangkok, Ceylon, Mauritius, L. Marques, S. Africa, India via Dhanushkodi, Egypt and Europe via Marseilles—Per SADO M., Reg. 8.45 a.m. Letters 9.30 a.m.

Wednesday, 9th Mar.
Straits and Bangkok—Per EURYALU, 7.30 a.m.
W. H. Wei, Chefoo & Dairen—Per CHIHLI, 5 p.m.
Tientsin—Per PAOTUNG, 5 p.m.
Hoihow, and Haiphong—Per TEO PAO, 8 a.m.
Swatow *Shanghai & *N. China—Per TIENTSIN, 11 a.m.
Shanghai, N. China, Japan, Canada, United States, C. & S. America & Europe via Victoria B. C.—Per FUSHIMI M., Reg. 8.45 a.m. Letters 9.30 a.m.

Thursday, 10th Mar.
Shanghai and N. China—Per SUNNING, 11 a.m.
Swatow, *Straits & *Bangkok—Per LIANCHOW, 9 a.m.
Straits, Bangkok, Ceylon, Mauritius, L. Marques, S. Africa, India via Dhanushkodi, Bombay & Aden—Per DILWARA, 11 a.m.

Friday 11th Mar.
Philippine Island—Per YUEN SANG, 2 p.m.
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow—Per HAILOONG, 11 a.m.
Straits, *Bangkok, Ceylon, Mauritius, L. Marques, S. Africa, India via Dhanushkodi, Egypt & Europe via Marseilles—Per KLEIST, Reg. 8.45 a.m. Letters 9.30 a.m.
Philippine Is., *Shanghai, *N. China, *Japan via *Canada, *United States, *Central & *S. America & *Europe via Vancouver—Per TOYAMA M., Reg. 9.15 a.m. Letters 10 a.m.

Saturday, 12th Mar.
Shanghai, North China & Japan—Per NANKIN, 8.30 a.m.
Straits, *Bangkok, Calcutta & Aden—Per YAT SANG, 2 p.m.
Shanghai and N. China—Per SUI YANG, 11 a.m.

Sunday 13th Mar.
Swatow, Amoy and Keelung—Per AMAKUSA M., 9 a.m.
Tientsin—Per KUEI CHOW, 2 p.m.

Monday, 14th Mar.

Tuesday, 15th Mar.

Swatow & Bangkok—Per LUOCHOW, 9 a.m.
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow—Per HAIHONG, 11 a.m.
Japan—Per NIKKO M., 10 a.m.

Shanghai, Dairen, *Japan, *Canada, *United States, *Central & *South America & *Europe via Victoria B.C. & *Europe via Foochow—Per ALABAMA M., Reg. 9.45 a.m. Letters 10.30 a.m.
Japan, *Honolulu, *Canada, *United States, *Central & *S. America, *Europe via San Francisco—Per ANYO M., Reg. 9.45 a.m. Letters 10.30 a.m.

Shanghai & North China, Japan, Honolulu, Canada, United States, Central & South America & *Europe via San Francisco—Per KOREA M., Reg. 9.45 a.m. Letters 10.30 a.m.

Friday, 18th Mar.

Shanghai, N. China & Japan—Per INABA M., 9.30 a.m.
Straits, Bangkok, Ceylon, Mauritius, L. Marques, S. Africa, India via Dhanushkodi, Egypt and *Europe via Marseilles—Per MISHIMA M., Reg. 8.45 a.m. Letters 9.30 a.m.

Saturday, 19th Mar.

Straits, Bangkok, Ceylon, Mauritius, L. Marques, S. Africa, India via Dhanushkodi, Egypt and *Europe via Marseilles—Per KARMA LA, Reg. 5 p.m. Letters 8.30 a.m.

Friday, 25th Mar.

Straits, Bangkok, Ceylon, Mauritius, L. Marques, S. Africa, India via Dhanushkodi, Egypt and *Europe via Marseilles—Per KASHMIR, Reg. 5 p.m. Letters 8.30 a.m.

Monday, 28th Mar.

Philippine Islands, Australia & New Zealand via Thursday Is.—Per TANGO MARU, Reg. 8.45 a.m. Letters 9.30 a.m.

WEATHER REPORT.

March 7d. 11h 45m.—Pressure has decreased considerably over N.E. Japan, moderately over S.W. Japan, and slightly at Shanghai and in the extreme South. It has increased moderately at Weihaiwei.

The anticyclone has merged into another which has formed over N. China.

Fresh monsoon may be expected along the south-east coast of China and over the N. China Sea.

Hongkong Rainfall for the 24 hours ending at 10 a.m. to-day, 0.00 inch. Total since January 1st, 1.98 inches, against an average of 3.53 inches.

Correspondence bearing vessel's names only.

PYTHONS GALORE.

Pythons are reported to be becoming "almost as common in Singapore godowns as cats."

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Hongkong.

HOTEL CLERK CHARGED

BANK RETURNS.

Alleged Larceny of Money

Leung Pak Chi, a clerk employed at the Carlton Hotel, was this morning charged at the instance of Mrs. F. E. Cameron, the proprietress of the Hotel, with the larceny of a sum of \$50.

Mr. L.G. Remedios a visitor at the Hotel it was stated, on the 20th February paid over to the defendant a sum of \$283.65 for board and lodging. He received a receipt signed by the defendant for that amount and later gave evidence of the fraud which the defendant is alleged to have perpetrated in order to rake in a sum of \$50 from this amount for his own pocket.

Mrs. Cameron deposed to the fact that the defendant, who was employed by her in the capacity of an accountant's apprentice, handed over to her a sum of only \$230 on Mr. Remedios' bill, the balance being the amount which he informed her, the visitor failed to pay. When she saw Mr. Remedios she was informed by him that the full amount had been paid, and on being thus warned, the defendant gave the excuse that the \$50 in question had been stolen by some one from the drawer, where he kept the money, after receiving it from Mr. Remedios. Mrs. Cameron, in further examination, testified to the fact that the key of the drawer was kept by the defendant, who had no power to affix his signature to any receipt made on behalf of the Hotel, except where, in pressing cases, in the absence of the head clerk or herself, the rule was relaxed to the extent of allowing him to affix the chop of the Hotel to the bills, but without his signature.

The case was still proceeding as our representation left the Court.

MEDICOS IN MALAYA.

Over 450 practitioners are registered in Malaya under the Medical Registration Ordinance 1907.

PASSENGERS ARRIVED.

Per R.M.S. Empress of Asia:— Messrs. B. Allen, I. Allen, Mrs. C. Atwood, Messrs. E. H. Arne, F. B. Arnold, J. H. Acavan, Mrs. O. Asburat, Messrs. Ang Yu, Ang Man Jan, H. Brostot, J. Brister, Mr. and Mrs. G. M. Boworth, Lt. Col. and Mrs. W. D. Birchall, Mr. A. C. Black, Miss L. Brennan, Mr. A. Biggerstaff, Mrs. and Master Bettman, Mr. J. A. Blyth, Dr. Burdett, Mrs. R. Brien, Mr. and Mrs. J. Carnegie, Mr. J. C. Coit, Mr. and Mrs. L. Cogswell, Miss E. Condon, Mrs. J. B. Cole, Miss F. Checkley, Messrs. A. Caryalho, Chiu So Yee, Chiu So Yee, Chan Moon Sung, Chan Yau, Cu Lun, Che Tock, Chin Hoa, Miss M. Davis, Messrs. S. A. Dowleby, Mr. G. U. Da Roza, B. L. Frost, Mrs. H. G. Ferkoter, Mrs. A. and Miss P. Flordeles, Mr. W. F. Guthrie, Mr. M. H. Gould, Mr. and Mrs. Gregg, Messrs. V. S. Giles, E. H. Hoyt F. W. Hetfield, Mr. R. R. Hancock, Miss G. M. Harrison, Mr. H. A. Jacobs, Mrs. E. Jack, Mr. and Mrs. S. M. Jones and 4 children, Mr. H. Kanzaki, Mr. and Master Kuan Atao, Messrs. T. M. 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